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Quick Facts

- Thirty-six Winthrop employees were honored with presidential citations for service to the university and presidential citations for service to the community.
- Pat Graham, who recently retired, received the Mary Spann Richardson Award.
- David Vawter, assistant professor in counseling, leadership and educational studies, received the Faculty Student Life Award.

ROCK HILL, S.C. – Winthrop University honored 36 employees during the April 24 **Faculty, Staff and Retirees Ceremony** with **presidential citations for service to the university** as well as **presidential citations for service to the community**.

In addition, **Pat Graham**, who recently retired and served the university in various capacities during her 27 years of service, received the **Mary Spann Richardson Award** which was created by siblings Rowland P. Alston Jr., William E. Lenoir, Jr and Victoria Lenoir Saunders '79 in memory of their mother. The award honors a faculty or staff member for exceptional service, professional excellence and the ability to provide Winthrop with positive visibility throughout the region. Also, **David Vawter**, assistant professor of counseling, leadership and educational studies, received the **Faculty Student Life Award** for his work with the D.R.E.A.M. Weavers academic success community.

Presidential citation for **service to the community** award winners are recognized for their contributions in agencies external to Winthrop. Their work could be for a social agency, church, community organization, K-12 school, etc. Those employees who received a presidential citation for service to the community were:

- **Tom Stanley**, fine arts, for developing the department's mission statement that places a high value on collaboration with community organizations
- **Kelly Costner**, counseling, leadership and educational studies; **Susan Green**, curriculum and pedagogy; **Lisa Harris**, counseling, leadership and educational studies; **Diana Murdock**, curriculum and pedagogy; **Linda Pickett**, curriculum and pedagogy; **Carol Shields**, curriculum and pedagogy; and **Sue Spencer**, counseling, leadership and educational studies, for their founding roles as a Winthrop Faculty-in-Residence member in new Professional Development Schools.
- **Karen Trunk**, development, for work with the Northwestern High School Athletic Club, the Winthrop Eagle Club and other organizations.
- **Rebecca Berberich**, campus police, for planning and organizing a poignant service to honor and remember York County law enforcement officers.
- **Laura Foster**, Office of Career and Civic Engagement, for serving as a committee member and Winthrop representative for the Rock Hill Community Garden.
- **Angie Conner**, printing services, for her leadership as president of the Lewisville Lions booster club.
- **Rob Dellibovi**, admissions, for coaching two children's sports teams and for his previous work with the homeless.

Presidential citation for **service to the university** award winners are recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the university beyond normal job expectations. Winners have

demonstrated a history of engagement with the campus community and a career that has significantly advanced the vision and values of the university. Those employees who received a presidential citation for service to the university were:

- **Beth Costner**, mathematics, for her role as chair of the Faculty Roles and Rewards task force.
- **Caroline Everington**, Richard W. Riley College of Education, for coordinating Winthrop's successful 2011 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education review.
- **Steve Frankforter**, College of Business Administration, for his knowledge and professionalism in the field of assessment.
- **Curt Laird**, physical education, sport and human performance, for developing an assessment system for the Sport Management program that was commended by the national Commission on Sport Management Accreditation.
- Academic affairs employees **Karen Jones**, **Patricia Graham** and **Jean Silagyi-Rebovich** for their leadership throughout Winthrop's successful Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation process.
- **Ryan Sheehan**, alumni relations, and **Franca Copeland**, computing and information technology, for their creation and implementation of the Winthrop Alumni Association scorecard and metrics system.
- **Gail O'Steen**, human resources, for her role as Employee Relations Manager and service to the university in numerous roles.
- **Allison Stucker**, computing and information technology, for developing an efficient surveying mechanism for adding or upgrading technology in classrooms.
- **Mary Jo Barreto**, health and counseling services, for educating students about personal health and personal responsibility issues and for serving as interim director of health and counseling services.
- **BryAnne Jones**, campus police, for her role as a victim's advocate and for conducting student programming on various topics that help ensure students' physical safety and emotional well being.
- **Miranda Knight**, residence life, for assisting with a variety of student and staff endeavors.
- **Kay Stewart**, health and counseling services, for her patient-friendly demeanor and for researching local price points for labs in order to keep health services competitive and invaluable.
- **Howard Seidler**, residence life; **Kurt Moderson**, residence life; **Kinyata Adams**, student affairs; **Sean Blackburn**, student affairs; **Karen Jones**, academic affairs; **Dinah Southard**, academic affairs; and **Naomi Simpson**, academic affairs, for instituting an additional innovative initiative that leveraged data to impact student retention.
- **Judy Longshaw**, university relations, for her work during the S.C. presidential primary season.

For more information on these awards, please contact **Judy Longshaw**, news and media services manager, at 803/323-2236 or e-mail longshawj@winthrop.edu.

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